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SUBJECT: POCS FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AUTHORIZATIONS IN ITALY

Refs: A) 10/01/09 Tirpak-Preston e-mail B) State 101996

¶1. Per ref B, the POC for marine scientific research authorizations in Italy is: Ms. Jean Preston, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs Counselor (telephone: (+39) 06 4674-2691; e-mail: prestonj@state.gov). She will be in Italy until approximately August 2010.

¶2. The alternate POC is: Ms. Ebe Marzetti, Economic Specialist (telephone: (+39) 06 4674-2471; email: marzettie@state.gov). She is a locally-engaged member of the Embassy staff, and thus does not have a transfer date.

¶3. Per ref B para 5 and ref A, Post has reviewed the Italy-specific information to be included on <http://www.state.gov/g/oes/ocns/rvc/>, and it does not require any corrections. In order to process marine scientific research authorizations, the Italian Foreign Ministry (MFA) must receive the complete application, under cover of a diplomatic note from the Embassy, at least 90 days prior to the start of the research.

¶4. Per ref B para 4: the Italian MFA requires that the research results be passed directly to interested domestic entities. (The MFA itself does not require a copy of the results, and does not distribute the cruise reports to domestic agencies.) Ideally, researchers should provide copies of the cruise reports directly to the Italian contacts (e.g., port authorities, on-board observers) with whom they dealt during the research cruise. Post also is willing to pass on to interested Italian agencies cruise reports forwarded to Post by OES/OA, if the reports are accompanied by the contact information (at a minimum, name, mailing address and phone number) for the individuals whom the researchers believe should receive them.

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